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GOVERNOR HASLAM, COMMISSIONER HAGERTY ANNOUNCE DOT FOODS TO BUILD NEW FACILITY IN DYERSBURG

Nation's Largest Food Redistributor to Invest \$24 Million, Create 157 New Jobs

NASHVILLE—Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty, along with Dot Foods officials today announced the company will construct its ninth distribution center in Dyersburg, Tenn. The distribution warehouse will be the company's first in Tennessee and will be located on State Highway 211 in the Dyersburg Industrial Park. Dot Foods will invest \$24 million and create 157 new jobs in Dyer County.

"I want to congratulate Dot Foods on their announcement of this new facility, and I thank them for their investment in Dyer County and Tennessee," Haslam said. "Our Jobs4TN strategy focuses on leveraging Tennessee's unique assets to create and grow new jobs across the state, and today's announcement helps us toward our goal of becoming the No 1. location in the Southeast for high quality jobs."

"Tennessee's ideal location and exceptional infrastructure offer distribution companies unsurpassed efficiency and proximity to customers around the globe," Hagerty said. "I want to welcome Dot Foods to Tennessee and thank them for their valuable investment in our state and workforce."

"We are excited about the opportunity to open our newest distribution center in Dyersburg," said John Tracy, CEO of Dot Foods. "We conduct extensive logistics analyses on where and when to open a new distribution center and we chose Dyersburg because of the community's support, proximity to other Dot Foods locations and customers, as well as its cultural fit with our company. We're also equally excited to appoint Tim Loyd as the new facility's general manager."

The distribution center is scheduled to open in September 2014, and a temporary office will open this fall.. The new facility will be 166,494 square feet in size and include frozen, refrigerated and ambient storage; a 125,000-square-foot warehouse; and a 9,500-square-foot truck and tractor garage. It will service Dot Foods distributor customers in middle and western Tenn., Ala., Miss., Ark., and Western Ky.

"I am so very excited about the announcement of Dot Foods' plans to locate a new facility in Dyersburg," Dyersburg Mayor John Holden said. "Dot Foods, family-owned-and-operated for more than 50 years, is the nation's first and largest food redistributor. Their core values, integrity

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and commitment to their customers and employees are the driving force of their success. We, as a community are very fortunate to have been selected as the site of their newest operation.”

“Our Chamber has worked long and hard over the past two years to win this new project,” Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber Chairman Larry White said. “I’m just really proud of our economic development team, including our professional staff and the volunteers who have helped us in our diligent effort to bring new investment and new jobs to the community. On behalf of over 500 members of the Chamber, I want to welcome Dot Foods to Dyersburg.”

“TVA congratulates Dot Foods on selecting Dyersburg as its newest food redistribution location,” TVA Senior Vice President of Economic Development John Bradley said. “TVA and Dyersburg Electric System are pleased to be partners with the State of Tennessee, the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber and other local leaders to help new and existing companies to invest and add jobs in our service area.”

Dot Foods and its subsidiary shipping partner Dot Transportation, Inc. (DTI) plan to hire 157 employees within the first three years in Dyersburg. This includes truck drivers, managers, supervisors, management trainees, warehouse workers, garage technicians, maintenance technicians, clerical employees and more.

Dot Foods offers market-competitive wages and a top-tier benefit package including health insurance, prescription drug insurance, dental, vision, life insurance, 401(k) with match, profit sharing and college tuition reimbursement.

Dot Foods and DTI will begin hiring truck drivers and recruiting management staff immediately. All DTI truck driver positions will be posted on www.DriveForDot.com and all open Dot Foods positions will be posted on the careers page at www.DotFoods.com.

This will be the ninth distribution center for Dot Foods. Dot Foods also has distribution centers in Modesto, Calif.; Vidalia, Ga.; Burley, Idaho; Cambridge City, Ind.; Williamsport, Md.; Liverpool, N.Y.; Ardmore, Okla.; and its main distribution center in Mt. Sterling, Ill.

About Dot Foods

Dot Foods and Dot Transportation continue to experience exceptional growth and are hiring in record numbers. Both companies are looking to fill several positions for full and part-time drivers and warehouse personnel in all eight locations. To learn more about careers at Dot Foods, visit www.dotfoods.com/careers and follow [@DotFoodsCareers](https://twitter.com/DotFoodsCareers) on Twitter.

Dot Foods Inc. carries 105,000 products from 650 food industry manufacturers and is the largest food redistributor in the United States. Dot Foods distributes foodservice, convenience, retail and vending food products to distributors in all 50 states. For information, visit www.dotfoods.com.

About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

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